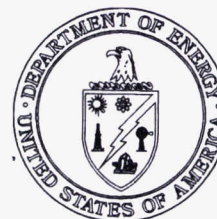




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Dear Mr. Saric and Mr. Schneider:

**TRANSMITTAL OF RESPONSES TO OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AGENCY COMMENTS AND THE FINAL CERTIFICATION DESIGN LETTER AND
CERTIFICATION PROJECT SPECIFIC PLAN FOR AREA 1, PHASE IV -
DECONTAMINATION FACILITY AREA**

- References:
- 1) Letter DOE-0030-07, J. Reising to J. Saric/T. Schneider, "Transmittal of the Draft Certification Design Letter and Certification Project Specific Plan for Area 1, Phase IV Decontamination Facility Area, Revision A," dated October 27, 2006
 - 2) Letter, T. Schneider to J. Reising, "Disapproval - CDL and Certification PSP for A1, PIV - Decontamination Facility Area," dated November 7, 2006
 - 3) Letter, J. Saric to J. Reising, "Area 1, Phase 4 Decontamination Facility CDL and PSP," dated November 8, 2006

Enclosed for your approval are responses to Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) comments and the final Certification Design Letter (CDL) and Certification Project Specific Plan (PSP) for Area 1, Phase IV - Decontamination Facility Area as noted in Reference 2. All comment responses have been incorporated in the final CDL/PSP. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved the draft CDL/PSP as noted in Reference 3.

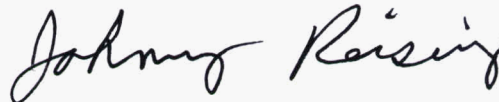
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If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at (513) 648-3139.

Sincerely,



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**RESPONSES TO
OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
COMMENTS ON THE
DRAFT CERTIFICATION DESIGN LETTER AND
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COMMENTS

Action: The text in the Executive Summary and Section 3.0 will be updated to reflect that the additional secondary ASCOCs were from Remediation Areas 3, 4, 6, and 7.

Response: As discussed in Section 6.0 of the Project Specific Plan Guidelines for General Characterization for Sitewide Soil Remediation, which is consistent with precertification activities across the entire site, action is not required for precertification Phase II HPGe measurements unless the result is greater than three times the FRL at a 5-minute acquisition time, then the area will be considered a “hotspot.”

Action: None.